

## ABSTRACT

A card reader includes a stopper or wall at the back of an insertion passage where a card is inserted. If a breakage of the wall at the back of the insertion passage is detected, the card processor drives the shutter to block the insertion port. This reliably prevents such an occurrence that the customer inserts the card through the insertion portion without knowing that the wall has been broken, pushes the card until even a portion of the card is not exposed at the recessed portion, finds himself unable to take out the card that is pushed in, and goes for a clerk in charge, and that the card stolen by the thief.